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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUDAN MEDIATION IN ERITREAN PROBLEM

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2305 (NOTAL), B. KHARTOUM 2348 (NOTAL)

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1. SUNA REPORTED AUG 18 THAT EXTENSIVE CONTACTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY BETWEEN GOS AND ELF AS PART OF SUDAN MEDIATION EFFORT WITH RESPECT TO ERITREAN PROBLEM. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. NOT CLEAR WHY GOS SHOULD RESUME MEDIATION EFFORTS NOW. SUDAN-ETHIOPIA RELATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT LARGE NUMBER OF REBELS WHO PARTICIPATED IN JULY COUP ATTEMPT WERE RECRUITED IN ETHIOPIA. ALTHOUGH NIMEIRI HAS NOT CHOSEN TO PUBLICIZE HIS ANGER, WE UNDERSTAND HE MADE HIS UNHAPPINESS KNOWN TO KIRG MEMBER ASRATA DESTA WHO VISITED KHARTOUM IN EARLY AUGUST. ACCORDING TO SUNA, HOWEVER, ASRATA DESTA ASKED NIMEIRI AT THAT TIME TO RESUME HIS MEDIATION EFFORT. AS
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NOTED IN REF A, NIMEIRI DID AFFIRM TO ASRATA DESTA HIS IN-

TENTION TO CONTINUE HIS LONG-STANDING ERITREAN MEDIATION
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